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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF DECEMBER 2, 2008**

Dear Sir:

In reply to the non-final Office action mailed December 2, 2008, for which a response is due on March 2, 2009, please enter the following amendment and consider the remarks in connection with the above-identified pending patent application.

Amendments to the claims start on page 2.

Remarks start on page 8.